

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 5, 2006, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-8 and 17-19), which are drawn to a method of protecting a gene from silencing by introducing an insulator from sea urchin arylsulfatase concurrently with the transgene. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants have no intention of abandoning any non-elected subject matter and expressly reserve the right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.

Applicants earnestly solicit favorable consideration of the above response and early passage to issue the present application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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